

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chairwoman Elsie Arntzen, on February 13, 2009 at 12:00 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Elsie Arntzen, Chairwoman (R)
Rep. Betsy Hands, Vice Chairwoman (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Arlene Becker (D)
Rep. Gerald Bennett (R)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Rep. Bob Ebinger (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. Mike Menahan (D)
Rep. Michael More (R)
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Diane Sands (D)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: None
Executive Action: HB 426, HB 406, HB 361

00:00:02 Call to order

00:00:20 Rep. Ebinger

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 361

00:01:46 **Motion:** Rep. MacLaren moved that **HB 361 DO PASS.**

00:02:39 **Motion:** Rep. Hands moved that **HB 361 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(loh34a01)

Discussion:

(Rep. Sands, Rep. Stahl & Rep. Berry arrived)

00:11:09 Rep. Becker

00:11:39 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy

00:14:20 Rep. Hands withdrew her amendment without objection

00:15:34 Rep. MacLaren withdrew his motion of a do pass without
objection

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 406

00:16:09 **Motion:** Rep. MacLaren moved that **HB 406 DO PASS.**

00:16:29 **Motion:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **HB 406 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(loh34a02)

Discussion:

00:17:23 Rep. Reichner

00:17:50 Rep. Reinhart

00:18:18 Rep. Berry

00:18:31 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Rep. Grinde and Rep. Hamilton voted by proxy.

(Rep. Grinde arrived)

00:19:16 **Motion:** Rep. Stahl moved that **HB 406 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(loh34a03)

Discussion:

00:20:26 Mr. Kolman

00:22:17 Rep. Reinhart

00:22:46 Rep. Stahl

00:26:24 Rep. Hands

00:29:39 Rep. Ingraham

00:29:45 Rep. MacLaren

00:31:35 Rep. Ingraham

00:32:21 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Arntzen, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Ingraham, Rep. MacLaren, Rep. More, Rep. Reichner, Rep. Stahl, and Rep. Vance voting aye. Rep. Hamilton voted by proxy.

Discussion:

00:33:35 Rep. More

00:36:03 Rep. Reichner

00:36:15 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Becker, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Hands, Rep. Menahan, Rep. Reinhart, and Rep. Sands voting aye. Rep. Hamilton voted by proxy.

00:37:43 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Stahl moved that **HB 406 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried 17-0 by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 426

00:38:22 **Motion:** Rep. Vance moved that **HB 426 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:38:56 Rep. Stahl

00:39:16 Rep. Berry

00:39:36 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-3 by voice vote with Rep. Berry, Rep. Ingraham, and Rep. MacLaren voting no. Rep. Hamilton voted by proxy.

00:40:03 Rep. Ebinger

00:40:21 Chairwoman Arntzen

ADJOURNMENT

00:40:31 Adjournment

Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([loh34aad.pdf](#))